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FARMER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM

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The international non-profit organization Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA) is implementing a five-year USAID-funded Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) program in Southern Africa, including Angola, Malawi and Mozambique.

In Angola, the F2F activity operates in all municipalities of Zaire Province. The program supports the Government of the Republic of Angola's National Strategy for Food and Nutritional Security, and directly aligns with government objectives of increasing and diversifying agricultural production and ensuring the availability, stability and sustainability of food supply. The activity also contributes to improved health, safety, and food quality through training on Global Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), quality management, food safety, and post-harvest handling.

The F2F program is made possible through technical assistance provided by American volunteers, including farmers, consultants, and academics who travel to share their expertise. The technical assistance and professional recommendations have helped alleviate constraints and have increased farmer productivity, employment, and income in Angola. FTF activities provide support to a vast array of players along targeted value chains and in a variety of technical areas.

ACTIVITIES

- Identify and provide technical assistance to Angolan host organizations and government as well as civil society organizations that support agriculture

- Prepare scopes of work for volunteers' assignments (technical assistance and training)
- Recruit American volunteers in the U.S. to deliver training and technical assistance
- Carry out host impact assessment in the third and fifth year of program implementation
- Provide expertise to increase productivity, improve post-harvest handling, processing and marketing of horticulture and leguminous products

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 35 American volunteers have delivered training and technical assistance in Angola since October 2013
- 26 host organizations and support institutions have been trained and provided with technical assistance in the areas of horticulture value chain and legumes
- Host organizations saw an increase in production (oranges, bananas, mangoes, avocados, tomatoes, squash, lettuce, carrots, cabbage, etc.) and sales, with \$500,000 generated in sales
\$500,000 generated sales increased by host organizations in horticulture productions (oranges, bananas, mangoes, avocados, tomatoes, squash, lettuce, carrots, and cabbage)
- Signed MOU with the provincial Department of Agriculture in Zaire to facilitate partnership supporting agriculture sector
- Signed MOU with the local NGO SOS CEDIA to help a group of women in the village of Kuzi to develop a new vegetable production and sales project
- 825 farmers were trained through F2F in Zaire province
- Approximately 22,685 hectares benefited from improved technology
- 2,025 members of host organizations saw indirect benefits, like increased coordination on advocacy issues among similar organizations

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